

PRESIDENT: You have heard the motion with the support. All those in favor of advancing the bill as amended, please say aye, those opposed say no. So ordered. The bills amended as advanced. Senator Proud, did you wish to be recognized? For what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR PROUD: Yes Mr. President, just a point of order. I think we, this will only take a moment, I think we ought to decide on this 1:00 p.m. meeting. If there aren't any objections, why it is alright with me but I am going to ask unanimous consent that committee chairmans from here on set their committee hearings at 1:00 p.m. unless in the judgement of the Chairman of the committee, is should be set at another time. This does give the Chairman discretion but he is under the direction of the Legislature to set the hearing at 1:00 p.m. unless in his best judgement it should be set at 2:00. I would like to ask unanimous consent for that.

PRESIDENT: You have heard Senator Proud's request for unanimous consent. Senator Mahoney, your light went on a minute ago did you wish to be heard on this? Senator Nore, do you object to Senator Proud's motion?

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President is this a standing committee?

PRESIDENT: That is my understanding. Yes, it would be the standing committee. Senator Proud?

SENATOR PROUD: Yes Senator Nore, the only reason for it is and if the Legislature directs otherwise it is alright with me but we are getting to the point here where we are getting all of these bills on general file and we can not meet, have very many committees out and go all day on general file, and the longer we put this off, the longer it is going to be before we get to general file, so the idea of setting committee hearings from here on at 1:00 p.m. would be so that the committees hopefully can dispose of any bills that they have and be back by 2:00 p.m.. For the most part, from here on, I don't believe that a committee would have more than one or two bills and it is my understanding that the budget committee and Senator Marvel or you can react to that to maybe through with your committee hearings by the 26th. I believe that we can still have the budget committee out if we don't have other committees out, but my unanimous consent request was merely to try to get us into all day sessions as soon as it is practicable. If that is not practicable, then we shouldn't do it of course.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nore?

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I am not opposing this but I think that we should look at it practically, and I am afraid that you might not have a quorum at one because many of us meet downtown with their constituents during the noon hour, and we are having a rather difficult time now getting a quorum in the budget committee at 1:30. I just throw that out, it doesn't make any difference what you do, I will try to be here but I am afraid that you might have great difficulty in getting a quorum at 1:00.

PRESIDENT: Alright, Senator Chambers did you wish to be heard? This is the unanimous consent motion here by Senator Proud.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: It is just a question for clarification. Senator Proud? When you say a hearing, does that include Executive Sessions?